IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Xuehua Wu, et al.

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For: RECONFIGURABLE THIN FILM

FILTER BASED DWDM

DEVICES FOR

\$\text{\$\tau\$} \text{\$\tau\$} RECONFIGURABLE ADD-DROP OPTICAL SYSTEMS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: 2613

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 27, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 27, 2007, please enter the following response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/001107/WCG for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.